

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 were pending. Claims 3, 4, 9, 17, 18, 41, 42, 45, 46, 49, 50, 54 and 55 were amended. Claims 47 and 48 were cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-46 and 49-60 will be pending upon entry of the instant amendment.

No new matter has been added. Claims 3, 4, 9, 17, 18, 41, 42, 45, 46, 49, 50, 54 and 55 were amended to remove multiple dependencies.

SUMMARY

The cancellation of the claims and/or amendments to the claims are being made solely to expedite prosecution of the above-identified application. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the present or another patent application. The amendments made to the claims are not related to any issues of patentability.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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